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(note: the RA reads the Divisional weeklies the following Monday which is why the items listed under 'Last Week' are for activities occurring this week and 'Significant Items for This Week' are items for next week.)

WEEKLY REPORT

Region 9

Environmental Protection Agency

Week Ending October 16, 2015

Water Division

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Significant Items for Last Week (October 12 – October 16)

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IG Audit of BEACH Program Grants: On 10/14, we met with the OIG, who is conducting an audit on the BEACH Act grants, to answer questions about how we administer the grants. They are interviewing each Region and HQ on our oversight of the BEACH program. (Hashimoto, 2-3452)

Council of Mayors Meeting: On 10/15-16, we participated in a National Council of Mayors meeting in Los Angeles. We highlighted recent success stories in urban green infrastructure implementation, and led an interactive discussion about integrated water utility planning, affordability analysis, and community needs for assistance in infrastructure finance planning. (Smith, 2-3464)

CA UIC Program Oversight: On 10/16, we met with DOGGR and the State Water Board to discuss Class II UIC issues. The agenda covered the next steps for addressing the 10/8 Report to the Legislature, the 10/15 injection well shut-in deadline, the status of the Arroyo Grande and other aquifer exemption packages, and the state's ongoing Class II UIC compliance efforts. (Albright, 2-3971)

CA TMDLs: We plan to approve the Central Coast Regional Water Board's Lower Salinas River and Moro Cojo Slough nutrients and dissolved oxygen TMDLs (including numeric targets for Microcystin, blue green algae). Waste load allocations were assigned to the City of Salinas and Monterey County storm water programs (point sources), and load allocations were assigned to irrigated lands, livestock, and natural sources (non-point sources). (Lin, 4-1803)

Mexico Border: On 10/16, Liden attended a binational meeting organized by Cal EPA for Border and Intergovernmental Relations to discuss El Niño preparedness, response and recovery at the border. Government agencies at local, state, and federal level on both sides of the border have been invited to attend. (Liden, 5-4763)

Significant Items for This Week (October 19 – October 23)

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California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies Meeting: On 10/19-21, we will participate in the CASQA annual meeting in Monterey. We will present on innovative approaches to municipal stormwater permitting and participate in a panel concerning stormwater infrastructure financing issues. (Smith, 2-3464)

Chemical Safety Workshop: On 10/20 -23, in collaboration with Land Division and the CA State Water Board, we will co-host a 4-day workshop with ORD for the Chemical Safety for Sustainability Research Program. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss research needed to assess pesticides impacts to aquatic endangered species in the Sacramento River and Bay Delta. This work will address EPA research priorities highlighted in the National Academy of Science 2013 report, "Assessing Risks to Endangered and Threatened Species from Pesticides." We will also lead an all-day field trip to meet with row crop and rice farmers (to understand CA farming practices) and also to visit an urban site with the CA Department of Pesticide Regulation (to understand urban inputs to waterbodies). (Denton, 916-341-5520)

Significant Items for Next 2-3 Weeks (October 23 – November 6)

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Sears Point Levee Breach Event: On 10/25, Jared will speak at the levee breach event and then witness the breach.

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Water Conservation: On 10/29, Jared will award the SVNC the Federal Green Challenge Innovation award for their water conservation efforts.

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Travel, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

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Significant Items in 30-60 Days

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Grant Announcements

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Legislative Engagement

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Other Information

Division Director Schedule: Tomas Torres will travel with the Administrator on Monday in San Diego, be in the San Francisco Regional Office on Tuesday and Wednesday, and on AL on Thursday and Friday. Kristin Gullatt will act on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

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